

SOUTHERN GETS TWO MORE LINES

Reported to Have Gotten From Kansas City to Birmingham.

RAILWAY BUILDING IN VIRGINIA.

Considerable Activity at Present—Stonework of the C. & O. Viaduct in This City Is Completed—Work on the New Station Keeps Pace—Railroad Notes.

It was reported in railway circles yesterday that the Southern Railway had secured control of the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham Road, which extends from Birmingham to Memphis, and the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf, which extends from Memphis to Kansas City. Negotiations for the purchase of these two roads have been pending for some time. It was thought recently that the St. Louis and San Francisco would get a controlling interest, but the Southern is now thought to have acquired it. The total length of the two roads, including all branches, is 1,323 miles. The Southern has recently purchased two other roads which may come under the head of western lines—the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis, and the Mobile and Ohio.

There is considerable road being built in the two Virginias at present. The Norfolk and Western will, it is stated, extend one or more of its branches through Carroll and Garson counties, Va., and into N. C. It is stated that a line will be built from Gosan, Virginia, to the Ballou end district, in Ashe county, N. C., making a line of about seventy-five miles in length.

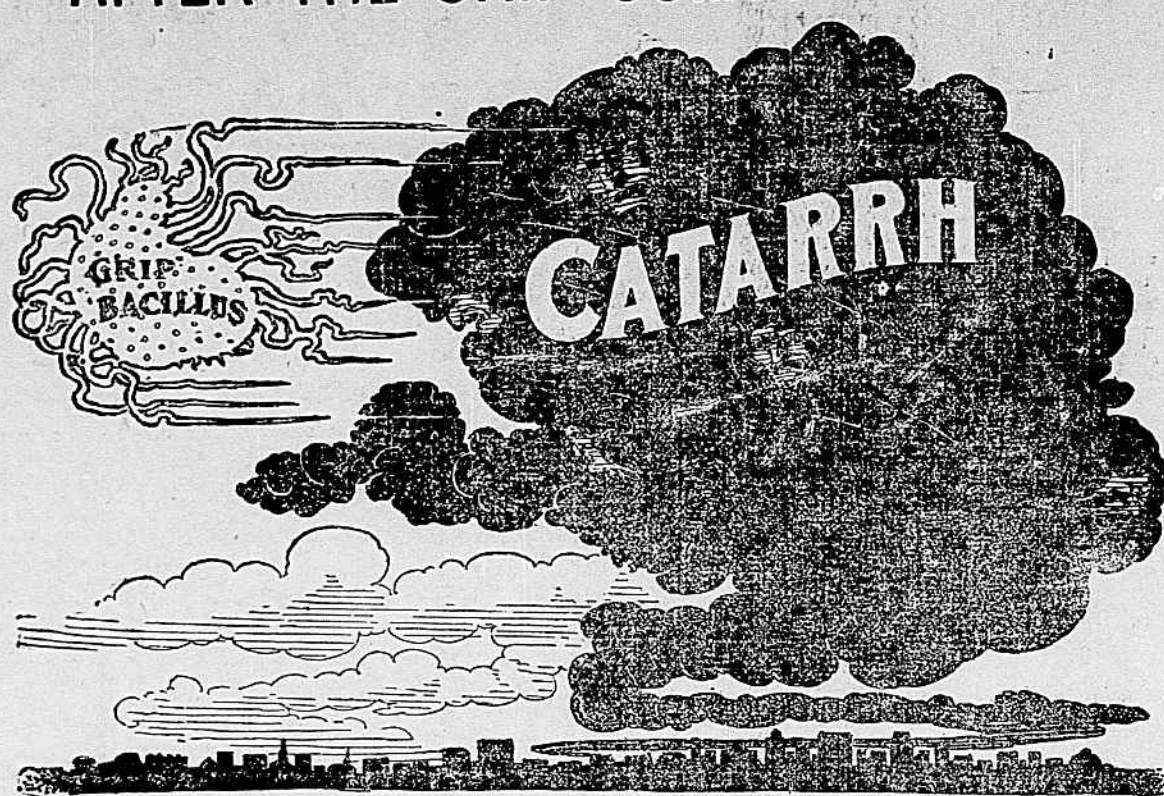
Some grading has been done on the Staunton and Augusta, a road running from Staunton to Stuart's Draft, about fourteen miles. The projected line, however, is to Elkins, a distance of 145 miles.

The Chesapeake and Ohio will be tapped near Gauley Junction, Va., by the Imboden Coal and Coke Company, now making surveys for a six-mile line, which it proposes to build at once, between the mines and Gauley.

The work on the concrete foundations and the piers of the Chesapeake and Ohio viaduct through this city has been completed. The work on the steel superstructure is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Work was begun yesterday on the span which brings the completed viaduct down the river to a point opposite the Virginia Electrical Railway and Development Company. The completion of this span will make the work more than half done. The work on the Main-Street Station is going forward so rapidly that the completion of the building by June 1st seems assured. It looks as though Chesapeake and Ohio and Seaboard Air Line trains would be running into the completed station by July 1st at the latest.

The Chesapeake and Ohio has received from the Pressed Steel Car Company a coal car of unique design. It is a self-clearing car, although the hoppers do not go down in an angle, as in most hopper cars, but the load is dropped by means of drop-doors, operated in a manner similar to those of a flat-bottom gondola. This gives the car an appearance similar to the high-side, flat-bottom gondola. The cars have a capacity of 55 tons bituminous coal, the light weight being 38,200 pounds and capacity level full, 1,900 cubic feet, and with a ten-

AFTER THE GRIP COMES CATARRH.



LIKE A TERRIBLE CYCLONE grip bacillus has passed over our country, leaving behind it a dark cloud of anguish and despair.

Catarrh follows grip as effect follows cause.

A multitude of catarrh victims will spring up in the trail of the awful epidemic of grip that has just passed over our fair country.

The hope to these people is Peruna.

Most people know this already.

Everyone who has had the least touch of grip should not fail to take a course of treatment with Peruna.

Peruna eradicates every vestige of the disease and leaves the system in a normal condition.

Hon. Joseph B. Crowley, Congressman from Illinois, writes from the National Hotel, Washington, D. C., as follows:

"After giving Peruna a fair trial I can cheerfully recommend your remedy to anyone suffering with coughs, colds, influenza, and all catarrhal complaints."

J. B. Crowley.

Hon. George H. White, Congressman from North Carolina, writes:

"I am more than satisfied with Peruna, and find it to be an excellent remedy for

the grip and catarrh. I have used it in my family, and they all join me in recommending it as an excellent remedy."

George H. White.

Hon. J. P. Megraw, Superintendent U. S. Capital Police Force, of Washington, D. C., says:

"Having suffered from the grip, I was advised by a friend to use your Peruna. I also used it for my catarrh, and I can now cheerfully recommend your remedy to anyone who is suffering from the grip and catarrh."

J. P. Megraw.

Miss Anna Russell, Past Worthy Counselor, Loyal Mystic Legion, 238 Endicott Building, St. Paul, Minn., writes:

"For years I have unfortunately found my system in a peculiarly receptive condition for catarrh when I was exposed in any way to inclement weather. At those times I would be severely afflicted with the grippe and its unpleasant consequences."

"Now for the past year and a half I have used Peruna in such cases and have found that it not only cures me quickly, but it also cleanses my blood and renders me less liable to catch cold. It is the finest preventative of colds that I know of and a very superior tonic."

Anna Russell.

Miss Alice Dressler, 1312 North Bryant Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn., writes:

"Last spring I suffered from the grippe and was partially cured, but the bad after-effects remained through the summer, and somehow I did not get strong as I was before. In the fall I caught a cold after getting my feet wet and attending a lecture in a cold hall, and I suffered a relapse. An unpleasant catarrh of the head and throat followed, and as I was in a weak condition physically previous to this, it took but little to break me down completely."

"One of my college friends who was visiting me, asked me to try Peruna, and I did so and found it all and more than I had expected. It not only cured me of the catarrh, but restored me to perfect health, built up my entire system, and brought a happy feeling of buoyancy which I had not known for years."

Miss Alice Dressler.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

their furniture. Mr. Brown also lost a sum of money and his watch.

The remains of Mr. W. H. Vawter, of Loudoun county, who was killed by an explosion of dynamite while blasting in deep olive, were carried to his home for interment. Mr. H. E. Faulconer, of Orange county, who was engaged in the same work, was injured, but will recover.

PRIMARY FOR BRUNSWICK.

Only the True-Blue Democrats to Vote for Convention Delegates.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., Feb. 25.—The Democratic Executive Committee of this county met this afternoon at the request of R. Turnbull, the county chairman, and decided to have a primary to nominate a candidate for the convention. The precinct chairmen of the respective precincts were invited to meet on the 16th day of April to canvass the vote and decide who will be the nominee of the party.

No one will be allowed to vote at the primary unless he votes the Democratic ticket at the last presidential election, or is a Democrat and pledges himself to vote for the nominee.

The County Court convened to-day, but nothing of importance was before the court.

The people of the county are interested in the convention, and but few are in favor of submitting the Constitution to the people for ratification. The name of Robert Turnbull is being mentioned by his friends in connection with the nomination, and while he says he is not a candidate, it is understood that he will be the candidate if the people wish.

THE NEW STAR.

Discovered Friday at the University of Virginia.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA., Feb. 25.—The wonderful new star in the constellation Perseus was first seen at the Leander McCormick Observatory a few minutes after 7 P. M., on Friday, by Mr. Richard D. Micon, of Alexandria, Va., a student in the astronomical department of the University. He drew a map of the constellation Perseus, with the position and magnitude of the star indicated, and reported the facts, exhibiting the map to Prof. W. J. Humphreys on Saturday morning.

This is the brightest new star that has been observed since the discovery of the telescope, three hundred years ago. Any persons not familiar with the constellations can readily find the star by following a straight line from the seven stars toward the pole star, noting the brightest star near that line, about one-third of the distance from the former to the latter. At 7 P. M. it is a little west of the zenith.

JUDGES MASON AND WRIGHT.

A Move Made to Bring Them Out as Convention Candidates.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 25.—A movement having been started to bring out Circuit Judges John E. Mason and T. R. B. Wright for the Constitutional Convention, the former to represent a portion of the Northern Neck and the latter Essex county on the south side of the Rappahannock, both of these distinguished judges in interviews to be published in the Free Lance to-morrow state that they are not candidates, that they already hold constitutional offices and that they will be kept busy performing the duties of their respective circuits.

Rev. J. L. Chestnut, of Ashland, Va., who recently accepted the pastorate of the Christian Church here, entered upon his duties yesterday, preaching at both the morning and evening services.

A movement is on foot looking to the erection of a factory for manufacturing tin cans in the Northern Neck at some point near the mouth of the Rappahannock. The Neck is a fine trucking section, and the many canning establishments in Westmoreland and Northumberland counties would use a large part of the output.

At the burning yesterday of the residence on "White Cottage" farm in Stafford county, owned by Mr. Z. M. Honey, Mr. William A. Brown and family, formerly of Culpeper county, the tenants, who occupied the building, lost nearly all of

THE DEATH OF MAJOR FINNEY

Bowed Down With Long Suffering, He Ends His Life.

WAS A WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN.

Born in Powhatan, He Served With Distinction Throughout the War—Was Totally Blind and a Great Sufferer—Leaves a Wife and Little Girl.

In a state of temporary mental derangement, to which he was driven by blindness and long physical suffering, augmented by brooding over the recent death of his bosom friend, Mr. Jack Gilliam, of Powhatan, Major Randolph Harrison Finney took his own life about 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning, in his room, at No. 1336 Floyd Avenue.

Major Finney arose as usual and came down stairs and assisted his wife in getting things in readiness for breakfast. About ten minutes before the deed was committed which ended his earthly career, he went back to his room to prepare for breakfast. A few moments later his wife called him, but he did not answer. She called a second time, and knowing his feeble condition and fearing he had fainted, rushed up stairs to meet the horrifying spectacle of her husband's body suspended from a transom by a rope and his life with it.

Dr. Christopher Tompkins and Lewis C. Decker were immediately summoned, and did all in their power to restore the dying man, but without success. They stated that it was a case of deliberate suicide, same man, but that the unfortunate victim of his own hand was in a state of temporary insanity, caused by brooding over his physical condition, he being totally blind, and otherwise a great sufferer.

WAS IN GOOD SPIRITS.

Although Major Finney had been in wretched health for several years and was totally blind, he had been apparently unusually bright for the past few days, and seemed in much better spirits than

Major Finney was born in Powhatan county, where he spent the greater part of his life. He was sixty-five years of age and was of distinguished parentage, his father having been the late Captain William Finney, of the Richmond Blues, and his mother a Miss Wood, of a prominent English family.

Major Finney spent most of his life in Powhatan, having lived in this city about fourteen years. He was highly educated, having attended prominent schools in this country and in England. He was engaged in no active business at the time of his death, the last position he held having been with the late firm of Richardson & Co., carpet dealers of this city.

For thirty years Major Finney had been almost totally blind, having lost one eye when a boy, and the other as the result of an aggravated case of erysipelas.

A GALLANT SOLDIER.

Major Finney served with distinction throughout the Civil War as quartermaster on the staff of General Harry Heth, and often accompanied the general, being about thirty coming out without losing the sight of his other eye.

He served with distinguished gallantry at Gettysburg, and on many other fields and followed the cause until it was lost at Appomattox.

He was widely popular, both in this city and in Powhatan, and his friends were greatly shocked to learn of his sad death.

Major Finney was married about eleven years ago to Mrs. Emily Creel, of Ohio, who with a bright little girl of seven, survives him.

He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. E. C. Battelle, of this city, and two brothers—Colonel W. W. Finney, of this city, and Mr. L. Harvey Finney, of Washington, D. C.

Major Finney was a man of unusual attainments, kind and genial in his nature, strictly loyal in his friendships and a true type of a Virginia gentleman.

The funeral took place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the late residence, and the interment was in Hollywood.

CITY HALL COURTS.

Decision Expected To-Day in the Eighth Street Injunction Case.

Judge Lamb will probably hand down his opinion to-day, in the petition for a dissolution of the injunction proceedings, asked for by the Traction Company in reference to the Eighth Street tracks.

In the Law and Equity Court the following notices for motion for judgment have been filed:

George Rupp, Jr., against Charles H. Young for \$25.

Charles Bright against the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers for \$500.

Mary E. Walker against R. F. Young for \$82.

The suit of John T. Goddin & Co. vs. Catham P. Harris for \$215 was tried in the Law and Equity Court yesterday, and a verdict given for plaintiff.

Contagious Blood Poison

There is no poison so highly contagious, so deceptive and so destructive. Don't be too sure you are cured because all external signs of the disease have disappeared, and the doctor says you are well. Many persons have been deceived by this. Mercurial cures for months or years, and pronounced cured—to realize when too late that the disease was only covered up.

Like Begets Like. driven from the surface to break out again, and to their sorrow and mortification find those nearest and dearest to them have been infected by this loathsome disease, for no other poison is so surely transmitted from parent to child as this.

Often a bad case of Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula or severe skin disease, an old sore or ulcer developing in middle life, can be traced to blood poison contracted in early

The Sin of the Parents. life, for it remains smoldering in the system forever, unless properly treated and driven out in the beginning. S. S. S. is the only antidote for this peculiar virus, the only remedy known that can overcome it and drive it out of the blood, and it does this so thoroughly and effectually, that there is never a return of the disease to embarrass or humiliate you afterwards.

cures Contagious Blood Poison in any and all stages; contains no mineral to break down your constitution; it is purely vegetable and the only blood purifier known that cleanses the blood and at the same time builds up the general health.

Our little book on contagious blood poison is the most complete and instructive ever issued; it not only tells all about this disease, but also how to cure yourself at home. It is free and should be in the hands of everyone seeking a cure. Send for it.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

Attractive Women



Woman's greatest gift is the power to inspire admiration, respect, and love. There is a beauty in health which is more attractive to men than mere regularity of features.

The snap and spirit which health gives to the eye, the movement, and the speech are full of magnetism.

Sickly women can't understand this.

They only know that they are miserable, and their efforts to be attractive are languid and weak.

Woman's influence in the world is limited by her strength, and the strength of health is real strength.

It brings with it beauty and grace and loveliness of disposition.

To be a successful wife, to retain the love and admiration of her husband, should be a woman's constant study. If she would be all she may, she must guard well against the signs of ill health.

Regular and painless menstruation is absolutely necessary.

The help which Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound gives to women who are attacked by any disorder of the feminine organism is real, permanent help. It cures all weaknesses of the organs and makes it possible for women to retain their health and beauty to mature years.

Mrs. Bazley Tells of Relief from Suffering.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—It gives me great pleasure and, at the same time, I feel it a duty to send you this testimonial in regard to your Vegetable Compound. It has worked wonders with me. I was a great sufferer with ulceration of the womb, had such backache and bearing-down pains that it required a great effort to do a small amount of my household duties. Since taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I am able to do all my own work and feel like a new woman. Your Sanative Wash also is something I could not afford to be without. I cannot say enough in behalf of your remedies. I heartily recommend them to all suffering women."—MRS. F. C. BAZLEY, 724 4th Ave., Detroit, Mich.

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Owing to the fact that some skeptical people have from time to time questioned the genuineness of the testimonial letters we are constantly publishing, we have deposited with the National Bank of New York, \$5,000, to be paid to any person who will show that the above testimonial is not genuine, or was published before obtaining the writer's special permission.—LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.

MAJOR PATTON WILL NOT TALK

A Director, However, Denies That Only Five Shares of Stock are Held by Richmond People.

President James D. Patton, of the Passenger and Power Company, was seen yesterday in reference to a report that only five shares of the stock of the company were owned by Richmond people, and that Mr. Fisher and Dr. Munn still had the controlling interest.

The Major refused to discuss the matter at all. He said he always tried, and would always try, to keep out of newspaper controversies.

Mr. George Ainslie, of the firm of Martin & Ainslie, general counsel for the company, had no statement to make for publication. One of the directors, however, gave out the following statement:

"I wish to state that a majority of the stock of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company is controlled by George E. Fisher and Dr. John P. Munn."

"Mr. Fisher does not own a majority of the stock; he does not control. When he has attending meetings of the Board of Directors in this city he has not voted the New York interests; he has simply represented his own holdings."

"Everybody who has kept up with this fight knows that the Council was so hard on us in the matter of conditions imposed on the gentlemen to whom I have referred withdrew from the proposed company. It looked afterwards as if the Williams syndicate would get control of the old line. Then we got up a new company. It was distinctly stated to the Council at the time that we would have to finance the scheme elsewhere. We went to New York and raised the wherewithal."

There is nothing to conceal in this matter. We have never made concealment. The Richmond Passenger and Power Company is controlled by persons living elsewhere, just as the Richmond Traction Company is so controlled. It is simply ridiculous to say that Mr. Fisher and Dr. Munn lead about by the nose the New York men among the stockholders, such a man as S. P. Bayne, for instance, the president of the Seaboard National Bank."

STREET-CAR NOTES.

Representatives of both the Traction and the Passenger and Power Company were seen yesterday, and they stated that everything was moving along nicely, and before very long the questions in reference to the joint use of tracks will be arbitrated.

The Passenger and Power Company is making considerable progress in the work of the rehabilitation of its lines, though the cold weather has retarded operations.

As soon as the weather permits the Traction Company will hasten the work of completing its tracks on Eighth Street and Eighteenth Street.

The Traction Company's barn at Oakwood has been practically completed.

A Man Frozen.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SUFFOLK, VA., February 25.—Hanging man absent from home since Saturday night, friends of Sterling Jones (colored), thirty years old, of Elwood, last night became uneasy and started a search. They found him in the snow, frozen stiff.

"FOR SALE"

Ten Second-Hand and Slightly-Used Upright Pianos.

These Pianos are in perfect order and fully warranted.

Every instrument in this lot is a genuine bargain.

SQUARE PIANO.

Having recently taken in exchange quite a number of good first-class square Pianos, and feeling the need of the room they occupy, we will sell them to quick purchasers at astonishing low prices. If you are not ready to purchase a new Piano, suppose you call and look over this lot.

The Cable Company.

J. G. CORLEY, Manager.

213 East Broad Street.

The Angelus, the original piano-player, the best self-playing attachment to buy. Free concerts given every day at our ware-rooms.

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